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REMARKS

Claims 3-6, 8-13, 15-36, 38-45, and 47-61 are currently pending in the application. Claim 3, 15, 38, and 53 are in independent form.


Claims 4, 6, 11, 17, 19, 33, 41, 42, 49, 50, 58, and 61 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Office Action has held that the claims are ambiguous because of the phrases "and derivatives thereof" and "or a derivative thereof". The claims have been amended to remove this language and reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the present amendment and foregoing remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and advancement of the case to issue are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 11-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

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